

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Detective Smith Discovers Two Boys Riffing a Till

IN HARRIS' PAPER HOUSE

He Captures One of Them Who Proves to Be Orville Reed, the Other Escaping.

About 8:45 last evening, as Detective Smith was passing Harris' paper house, on South Ionia street, he noticed something unusual in the rear of the building, and as the store had been closed for the night he went around into the alley to investigate the premises. He looked through a window and saw two persons working around a money drawer. He found the back door unlocked and he went into the building. The persons inside were two boys under 15 years of age, and before he could catch them one boy ran through the building upstairs to the second story. The detective caught the other who proved to be Orville Reed, a boy 12 years old, who was released from police court a short time ago on suspended sentence after a conviction for larceny. The other being alone he could not follow the boy that escaped and retain the one he had under arrest. Reed's pal raised a window and descended on a fire escape from the second story and disappeared through the darkness. It was found that the boys had broken a window in the door and reaching through, drew the bolt. Young Reed was taken to the station and searched, but nothing of value was found on his person. He was locked in a cell and the officers started in search of the boy that escaped.

City News in Brief.

Katie Bize, residing at the corner of Wealthy avenue and Ionia street, received a painful cut in the side of the right foot yesterday morning. She stepped upon a piece of glass, cutting a gash three inches long clear to the bone. Dr. Rozema was obliged to take several stitches to close the wound.

The funeral of James A. Travis was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Reeves of No. 122 Charles street, and the remains were sent to Ovid for burial. The deceased was a member of Watson post, G. A. R., and several members of the post attended the funeral.

The Grand Rapids Pocket Railway Guide for July has been issued under the name of the Michigan Pocket Railway Guide, and contains a complete time table of all Michigan railways and a hotel directory of the principal cities in the state.

Judge Severens, Marshal Clarke, District Attorney Palmer, Assistant McMahon and Clerk McQuarrie of the United States circuit court, will leave tomorrow afternoon for Marquette, where they will attend a session of court. All visitors at the Y. M. C. A. room are required to register. A new and ponderous register was placed on the clerk's counter yesterday, and the names of four persons from out of the city were written on the first page.

In the absence of the pastor of the Church of Christ, who with his wife is taking a vacation in the northern region, the Rev. L. V. Snyder, state evangelist, will occupy his pulpit both morning and evening.

The Epworth league of the East Street M. E. church, will hold a public meeting July 11. Myron H. Walker will discuss temperance and the E. Y. L. guards will render songs and recitations.

The old wooden building on Pearl street adjoining the Michigan Trust building on the east, on the Waters property, is being demolished and removed from the premises.

The G. U. O. of O. P. will give a grand concert at Custer guard armory Tuesday evening, August 1. William Thompson is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Young men are invited to spend their Sunday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association building. An attractive religious service is held at 4 o'clock.

Ernest W. Jewell of St. Mark's choir will be ordained to the diaconate July 16 by Bishop Gillespie. He will take charge of Immanuel church at Pontiac.

The North End Woman's Relief corps will serve tea, cake and lemonade next Wednesday evening at Mrs. Frank Whitbeck's, No. 13 Legrand street.

Mrs. Benson of Chicago, the new matron of the Children's home, arrived yesterday and will assume charge of the home tomorrow morning.

Surveyors D. and F. E. Skelton will go to Lowell tomorrow to make the survey for the water system, which that village is about to construct.

"Million Bive" will give a musical, literary and ice cream social in Good Temple's hall, McMillan's block, the evening of July 13.

About twenty-five members of Company B will march out on South Division street this morning at 6 o'clock for target practice.

The Day View camp meeting season will open this week. Tomorrow the railroads will begin the sale of reduced rate tickets.

Contractor Bloomer will begin work tomorrow morning on the extension of the Lake avenue toll road to Cascade Springs.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's home and hospital managers will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

The council committee on parks will shortly let the contract for placing beds of foliage plants in Fulton street park.

Personal Mention.

Professor and Mrs. Henry C. Post returned from a ten-day visit to the world's fair yesterday morning. Professor Post will remain at home for the balance of the summer.

The families of Robert and Fred Fairbanks, C. P. and E. E. Stanton and George Weatherwax are in camp on Hamlin lake near Ludington.

Miss Sadie Thompson and Minnie Dodge of the Postal telegraph office have gone to Macleata to spend Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joy of Emporia, Kansas, are visiting Theodore Clark and mother of No. 155 North Lafayette street.

Col. L. R. Bishop and daughter, Mrs. A. R. Bond, left last evening for Bear Lake, where they will remain a few weeks.

George P. McMahon has returned home after spending the Fourth with friends at Ludington.

Miss Pearl Parish, one of the popular operators at the telephone exchange, has

gone to Battle Creek to spend her vacation.

Miss Florence E. Rose and Jean Heavely have returned from the World's Fair City.

Henry Colyer and wife are guests of Alvin Woodard and family of Cedar Springs.

L. D. Mather of No. 151 Watson left last night for a two weeks' visit at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Spring spent Tuesday with relatives at Canaan township.

Mrs. Fred Kent is visiting friends in Newage this week.

LOCAL BICYCLE NEWS.

Notes Concerning Grand Rapids Riders and Their Plans.

The principal topic of conversation among the local wheelmen during the past week was the Milwaukee road race July 4. More than ordinary interest was taken in the race from the fact that several Grand Rapids wheelmen were in it. The generosity of the handicapper in favor of the Milwaukee riders is sharply criticized, and the discrimination against the Grand Rapids boys in several instances is cause for unfavorable comment. The entries from this city were Troop and Frank Richmond, Claude Bortree, Charles Letts, Will Phippen and George Bealbee. The limit to the handicap was thirteen minutes, and the best given a Grand Rapids rider was 3:45. The distance was sixteen and one-half miles, and among the twelve men who made the run in less than fifty minutes were Troop and Frank Richmond. Troop was eighth and made the run in 40:22, and Frank came in ninth in 41:24. Charles Letts was run into by one of the riders, his wheel was broken and he was thrown, receiving serious injury to his hand and leg. He has been unable to work since the race. The unfairness of the race has been the subject for comment for the leading bicycle journals throughout the country.

The Grand Rapids Bicycle club will run an excursion to Detroit July 22, on the occasion of the second annual international Milwaukee twenty-five mile road race at Belle Isle Park. The contest is open to the world, with fifty prizes valued at \$5,000. Entries close July 12. Troop and Frank Richmond, Claude Bortree and Harry Hydon will enter the race, and a large number of the local club will attend the event.

The scheme started some time ago by the bicycle club to construct a race course and grand stand near Comstock creek has been abandoned. Concerted action of the members could not be secured, and the attempt to carry the work forward was a failure.

The Bicycle club run today will be to Berlin and return, a distance of twenty miles. When they return they will be joined by the lady members, and the company will ride out to Manhattan Beach, starting at 3 p. m.

ROLLED IN A HAY RAKE.

William Rozema of Reed's Lake Has a Narrow Escape.

William Rozema, residing at Reed's lake, was using one of Dr. Rozema's horses on his hay rake a few days ago when the horse ran away. Mr. Rozema ran after the animal and was very near it when he slipped and fell in front of the rake. That is the last he remembers of what happened until he recovered his senses in a ditch about ten rods from where he fell. He had been caught by the teeth of the horse and was rolled and tumbled until he fell into the ditch, allowing the rake to pass over him. He arose, caught the horse and then aided in loading a load of hay. When he reached the house at supper time he told his wife of the accident, but she was horrified when he repeated the story again and again apparently unconscious that he was repeating. She was about to send for Dr. Rozema, but her husband forbade it. He attended to his work that evening and the next morning was apparently completely recovered. He says he does not remember repeating the story and does not remember any conversation he had after the accident happened. Dr. Rozema says he was frightened when he heard of the accident as the derangement of his brother's mind might have been permanent. He made an examination and considers that he is entirely recovered now.

OVERSTEPPED ITS AUTHORITY.

Common Council Cannot Dictate Regarding Improvements.

At the meeting of the board of public works yesterday residents of the Kansas street appeared and objected to the re-establishment of the grade line and against the use of macadam in improving the street. Alderman Campbell was present and said he asked the property owners on the street to meet and decide what they wanted. The property owners did this, and he acted in accordance. City Attorney Taylor was called in to decide whether the council has the power to dictate as to details in street improvements. The reason for getting his opinion was that a contract has been let for paving South Ionia street with superior cedar blocks. After the contract was let the common council ordered the board to use common cedar blocks. The city attorney decided that the council can indicate only in a general way how a street shall be improved. The last resolution will therefore be ignored. President Letellier said an agent for common cedar blocks had prevailed upon the property owners to petition for common cedar blocks, and the last resolution passed by the council was passed in accordance with this petition.

An estimate of the cost of improving West Second street was submitted, showing the cost to be \$6,000.67.

Kindergarten Program.

The Central Young Woman's Christian Temperance union will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Alice Loomis, No. 102 Barclay street. Beside the regular order of business a kindergarten program will be presented, including an address by Mrs. L. W. Treat and songs by kindergarten training classes.

At a Stand-Still.

The machinery of the Harrison Wagon Works came to a stand-still yesterday forenoon, caused by the breaking of the engine's piston-rod. The necessary repairs will be made by Tuesday, when the machinery will be put in motion.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

FOR THE NEGRO RACE

Z. W. Mitchell Talks of the Advancement of His People.

PREPARING A RACE JOURNAL

To Contain Statistical Information on the Condition and Progress of the Negro in America.

Z. W. Mitchell, one of the leading Afro-Americans of the country is in the city gathering material for the preparation of a report on the progress of the negro race. Mr. Mitchell was formerly engaged in newspaper work, and founded The Appeal, the famous organ of the negro race in America. He is a bright, engaging talker, and an unusually well informed man. In discussing his work yesterday, he said:

"Our object for engaging in such an enterprise is manifold in its purpose, and based on a desire to do something for the material education and advancement of our race. First, we desire to familiarize ourselves with the true condition of the Afro-American race in every section of the country, and give to our readers an accurate statistical report of the progress of our race in every avenue and avocation of life. Or, in other words, we wish to paint the negro as he is, and not as he is supposed to be, or as, thirty years ago. We are desirous of knowing more accurately our numerical strength, our political strength and our facilities for doing more for the material advancement of our race."

Retain Their Identity.

Secondly, we desire more consistently to unite ourselves on certain lines for our protection and advancement. Experience has taught me that the theory advocated by some of our eminent leaders of losing our identity as a race and slipping up to high achievement and honor unobserved by our Anglo-Saxon brother, is a false and mistaken one, and cannot be pursued with success only in exceptional cases by our people.

But instead of us ever reaching the summit as a race, we have to discard the idea of trying to lose our identity as colored people, and unite every force and influence that we have and build up our lives and go forward as a race, respected and honored. We are convinced that if we were in the race for life, it must be on our merits as a people, and that the time has come for a more practical union of our forces. We discover our ability by concentrating our influence, to do much for the material elevation of our people. The greatest influence we have comes from the dollars we are able to spend in the idea of trying to lose our identity as colored people, and unite every force and influence that we have and build up our lives and go forward as a race, respected and honored. We are convinced that if we were in the race for life, it must be on our merits as a people, and that the time has come for a more practical union of our forces. 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